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O. Fire Resistance and Performance Prediction: Structural Analysis Issues and Research  
Needs

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# Behavior of Structures in Extreme Events

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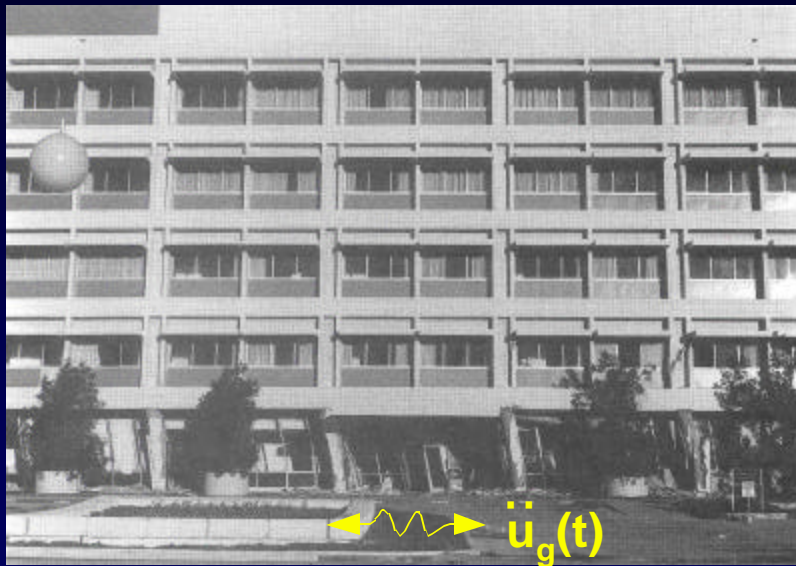
# Presentation

- Response of Structures to Severe Earthquakes
- Elevated Temperature Effects on Structural Steel Systems
- Research Needs for Fire Resistance Determination and Performance Prediction

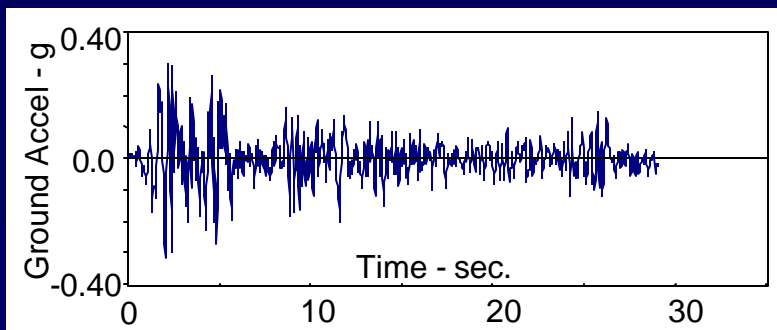
# Response of Structures to Severe Earthquakes

## Damage to Olive View Hospital from 1971 San Fernando EQ

Soft-story Mechanism



Column Failure



Source: Chopra, 2001



# Structural Response Prediction to Earthquakes

## Analysis

- Material modeling (non-linearities)
  - Cyclic plasticity
  - Cyclic degradation of material stiffness and strength
  - Fracture
- Geometric non-linearities
  - Local buckling
  - Global instabilities (P- $\Delta$  effects)

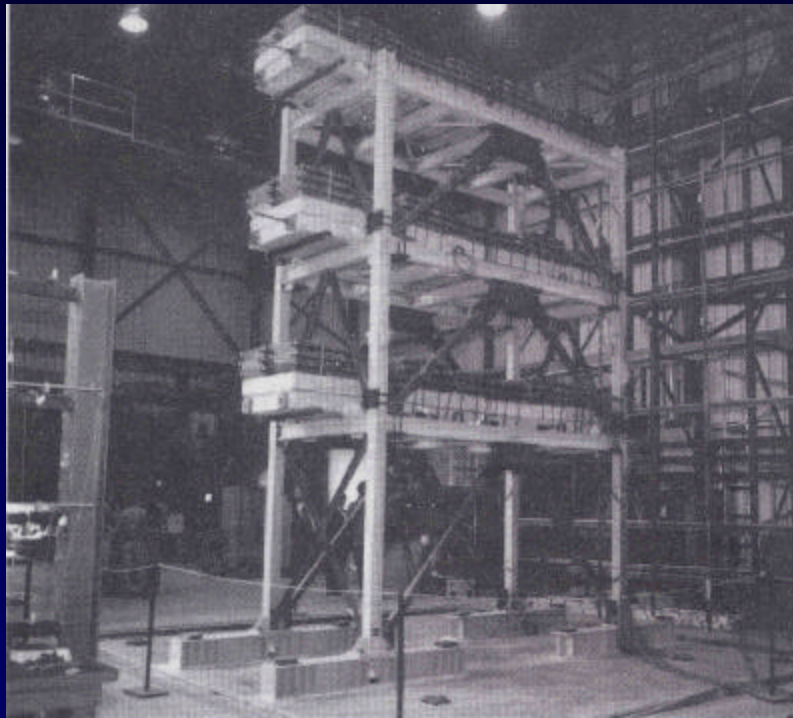
## Experimental testing

- Database on real performance
- Proof of concept
- Calibration of analytical models

# Earthquake Structural Performance Evaluation

## *Experimental Testing*

### Shake Table Testing



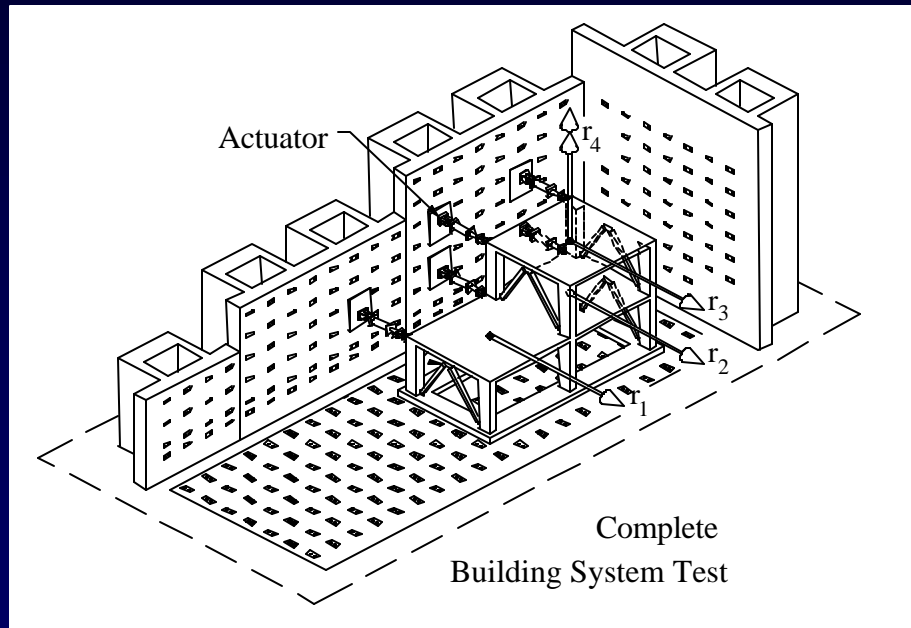
- Real Time
- Limited Specimen Size

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Shake Table (Source: Chopra, 2001)

# Earthquake Structural Performance Evaluation

## *Experimental Testing*

### Reaction Wall Testing (Pseudo-Static or Pseudo Dynamic)



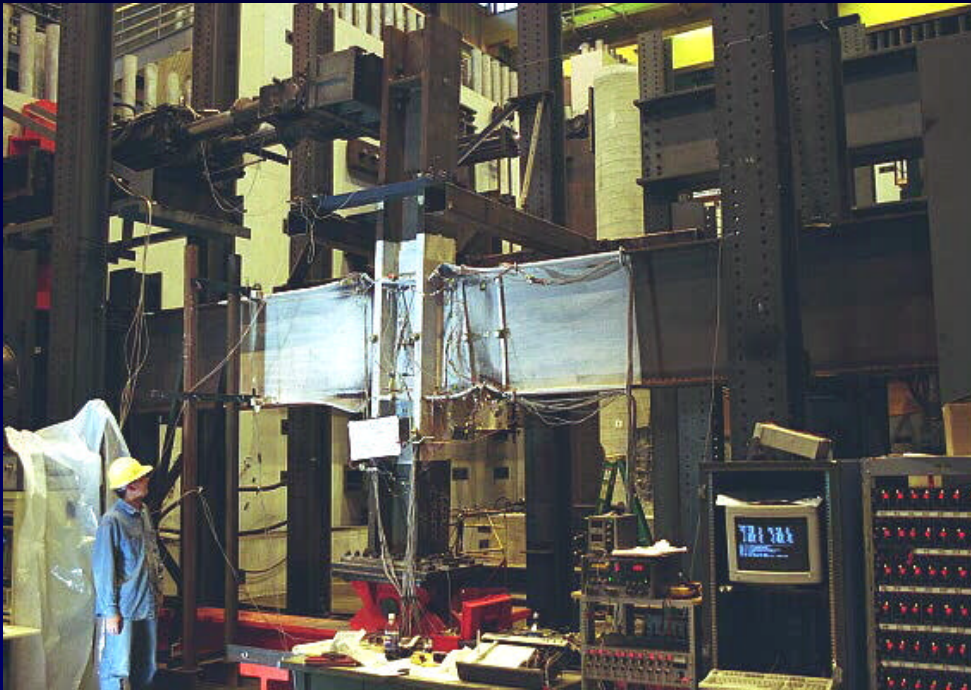
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Lehigh University Multi-directional Reaction Wall  
Testing Facility

# Earthquake Structural Performance Evaluation

## *Experimental Testing*

### Component Tests (Pseudo-Static or Pseudo Dynamic)

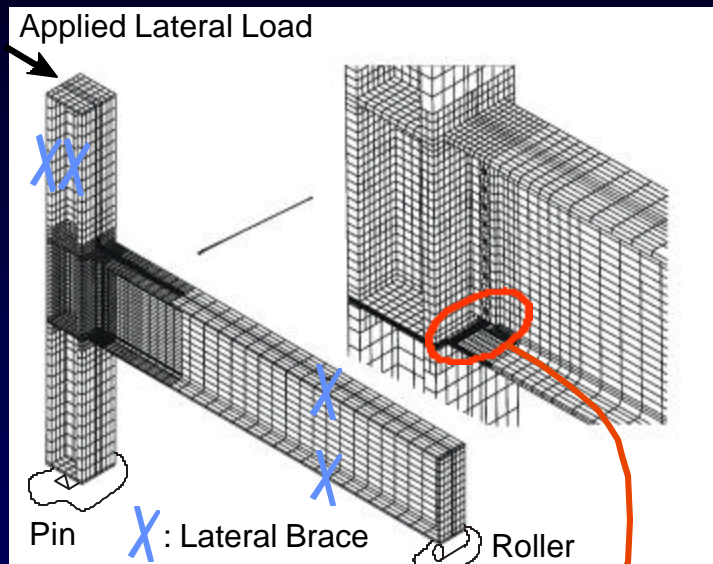


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- Boundary Condition Effects
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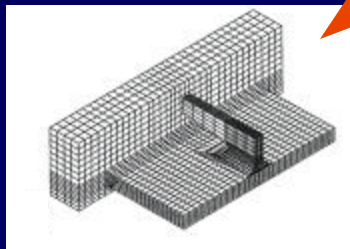
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# Earthquake Structural Performance Evaluation Analysis

## *Finite Element Analysis of Welded Connection*

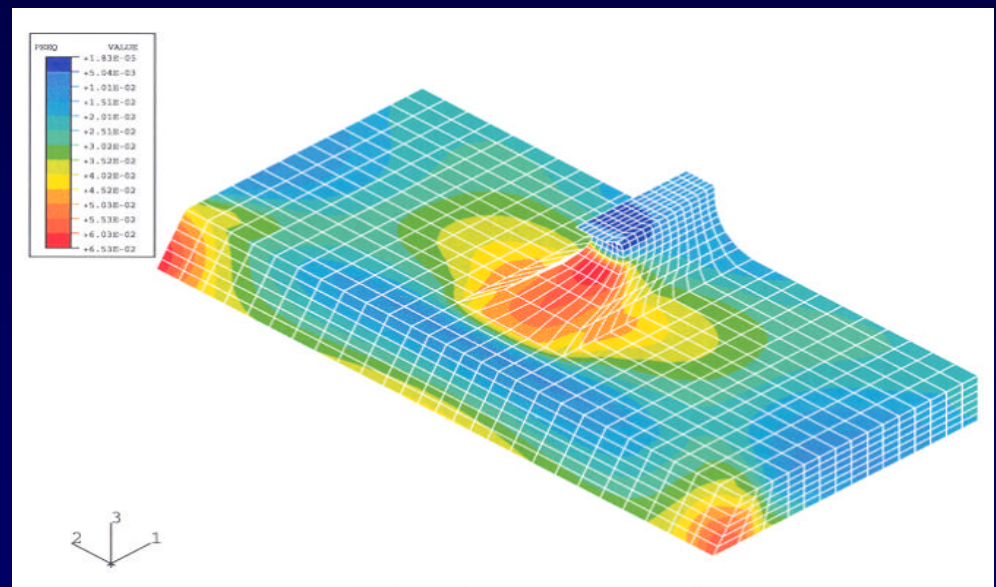


Global model



Sub-model

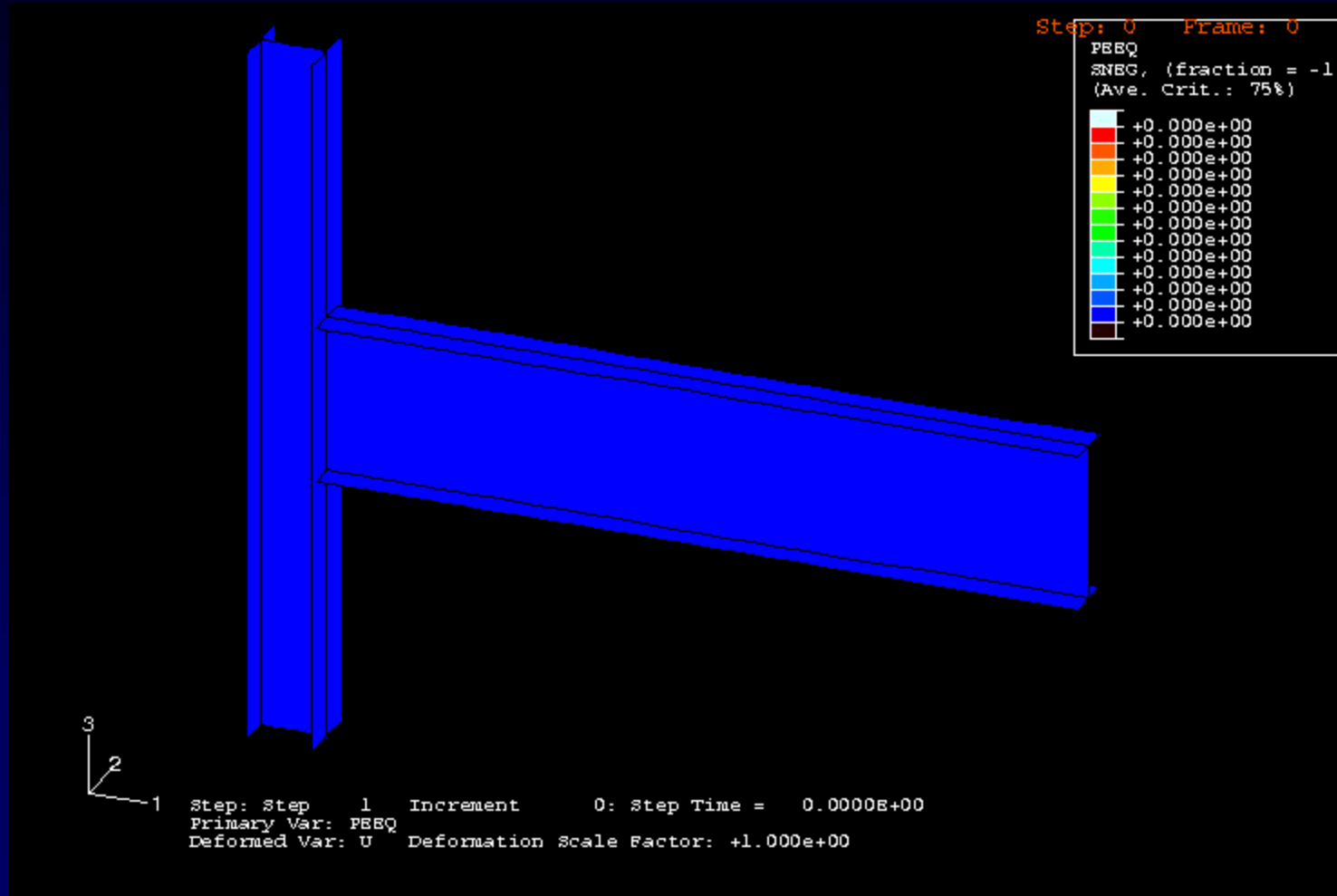
- Material and geometric non-linearities
- Emphasis on local joint region
- Cyclic load analysis



Equivalent Plastic Strain in Weld Access Hole Region

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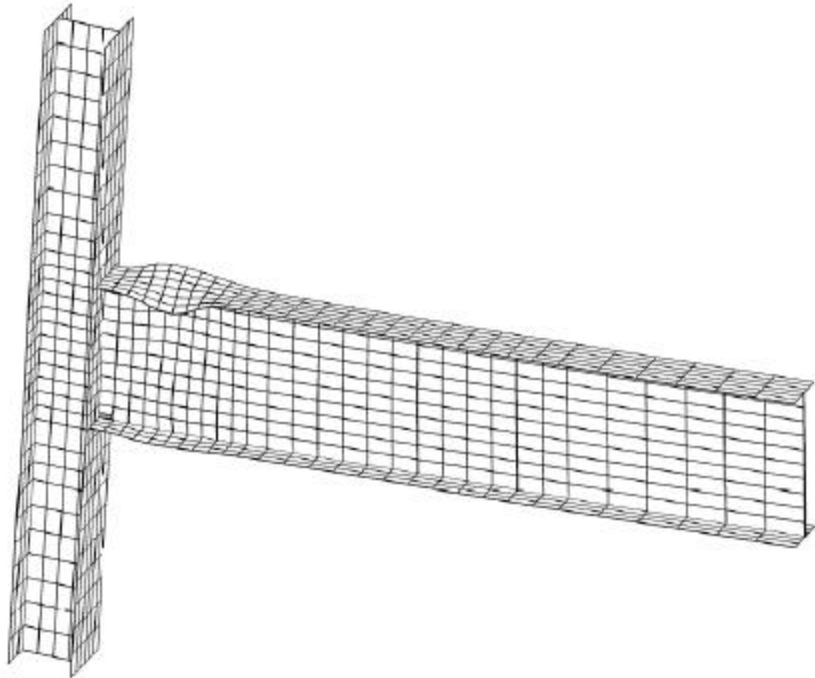


Cyclic Equivalent Plastic Strain

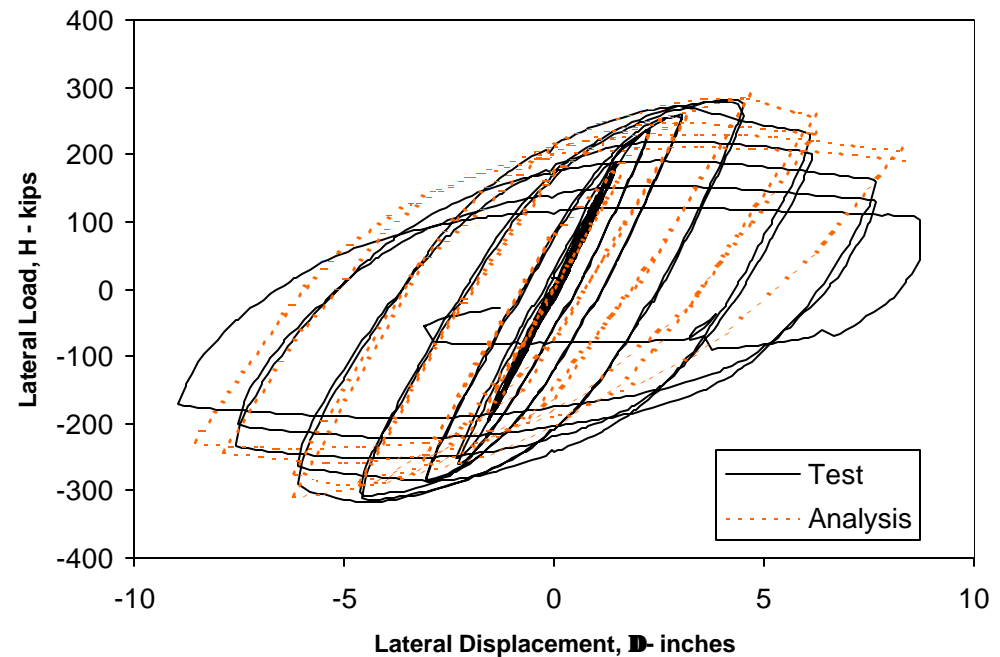


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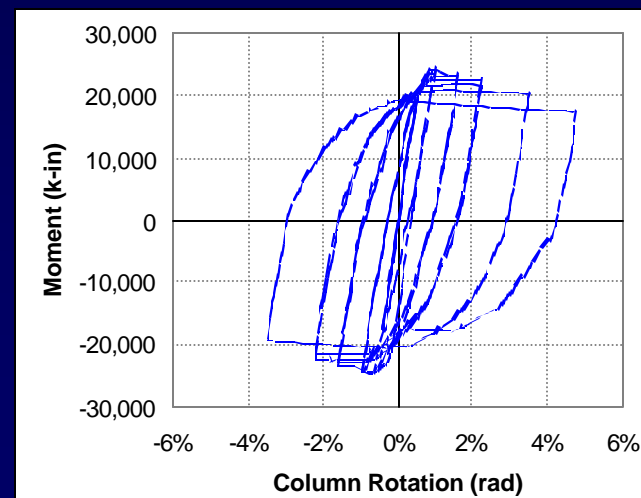
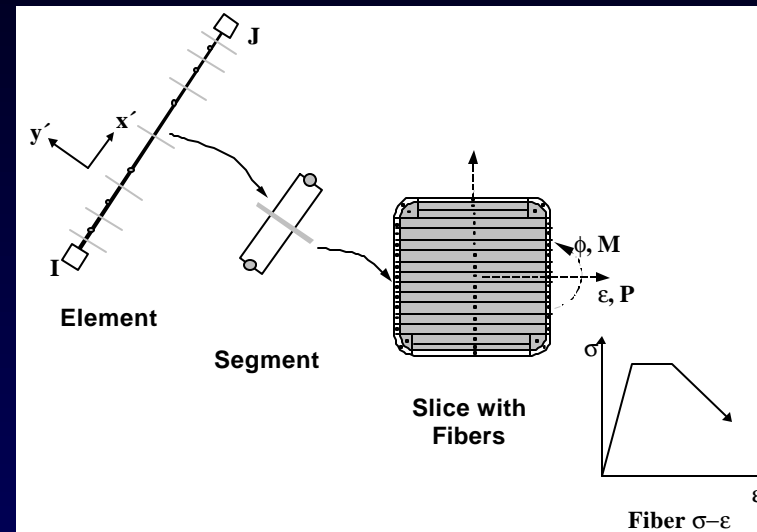
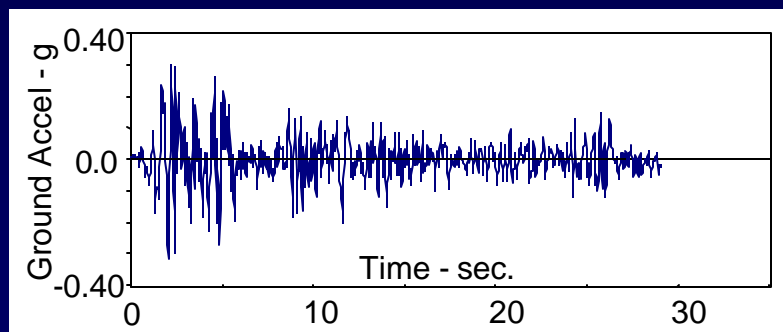
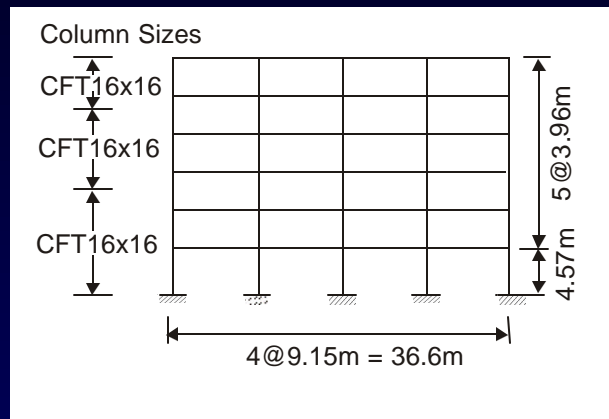
Deformed Shape with Local Buckling



Lateral Load – Displacement Hysteretic Response

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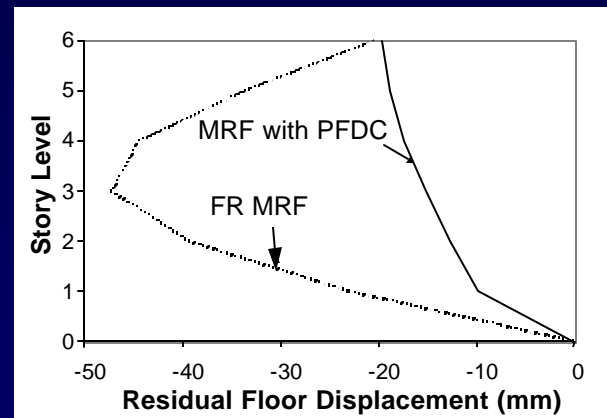
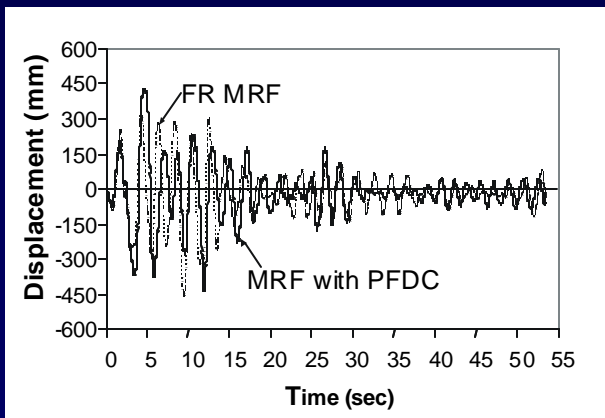
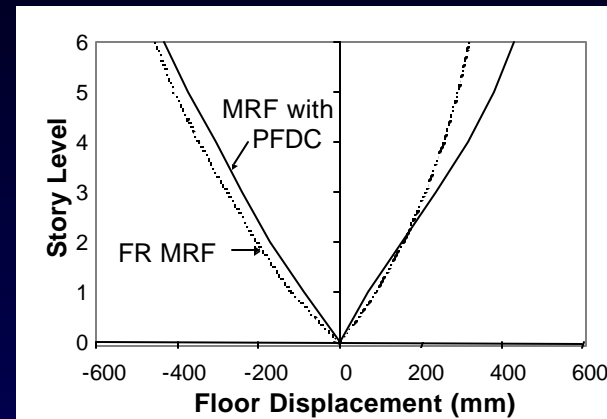
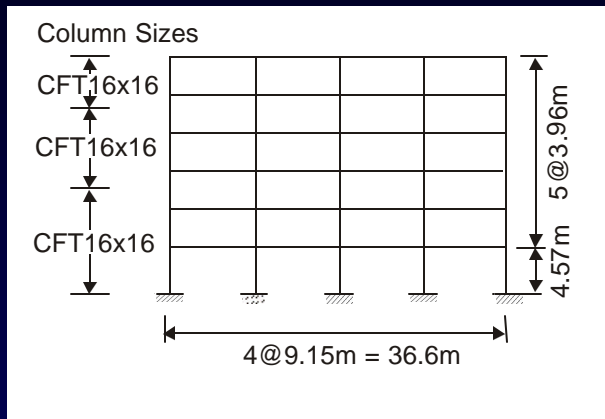
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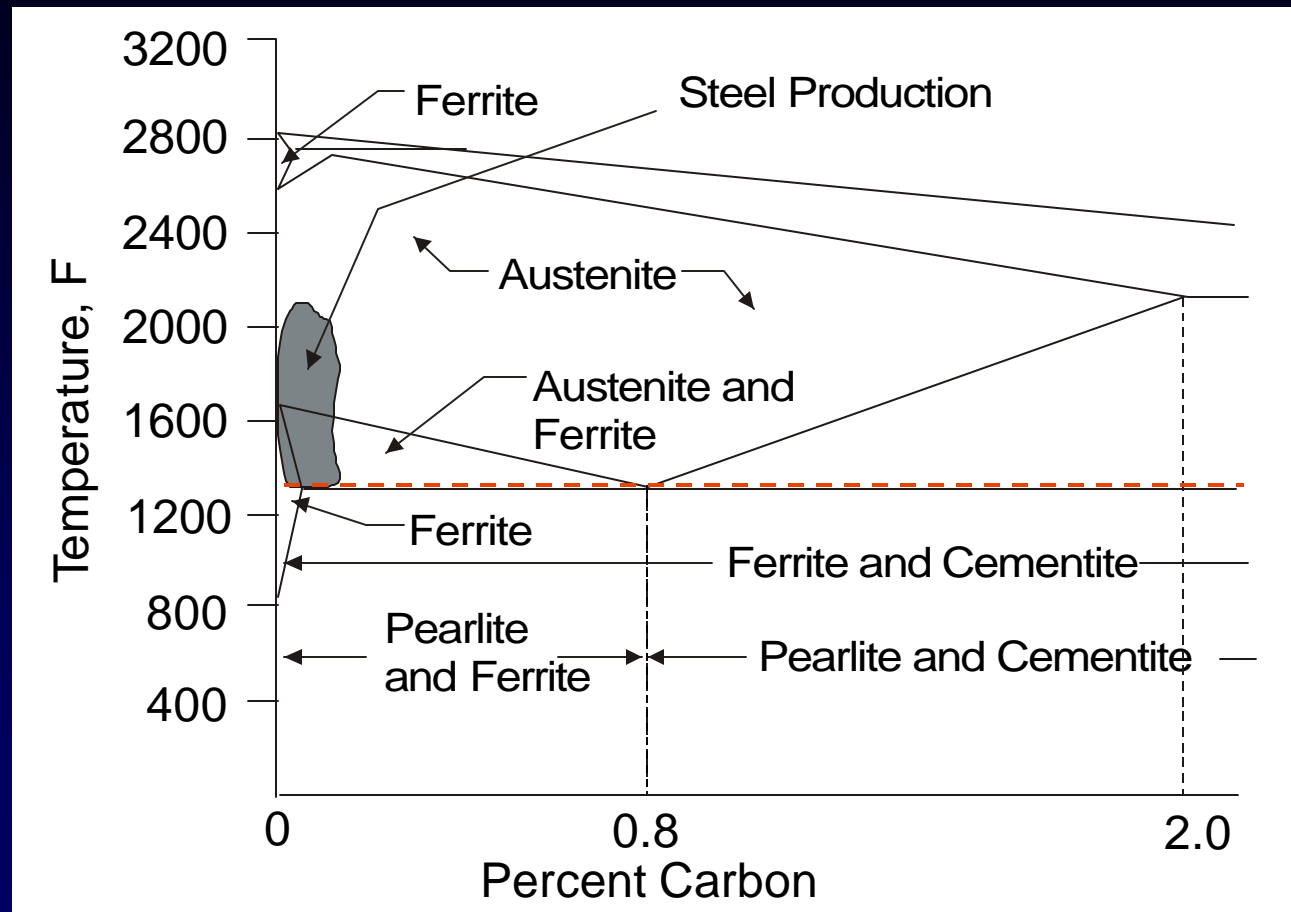
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# Structural Steel Behavior at Elevated Temperature

## *Steel Production*

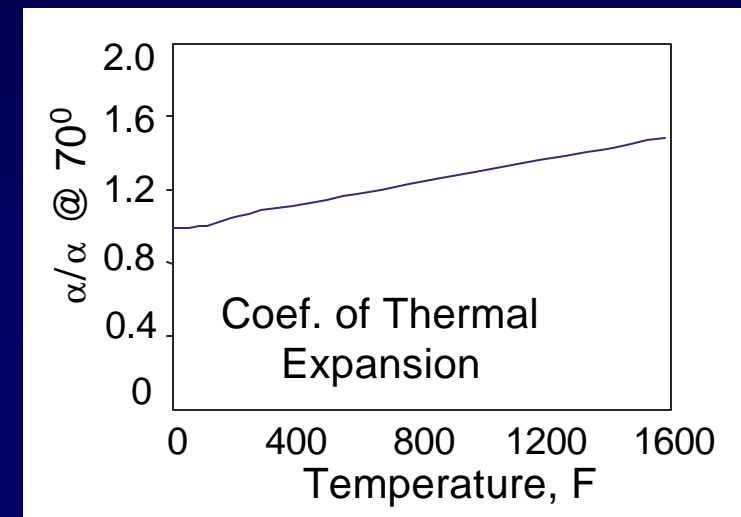
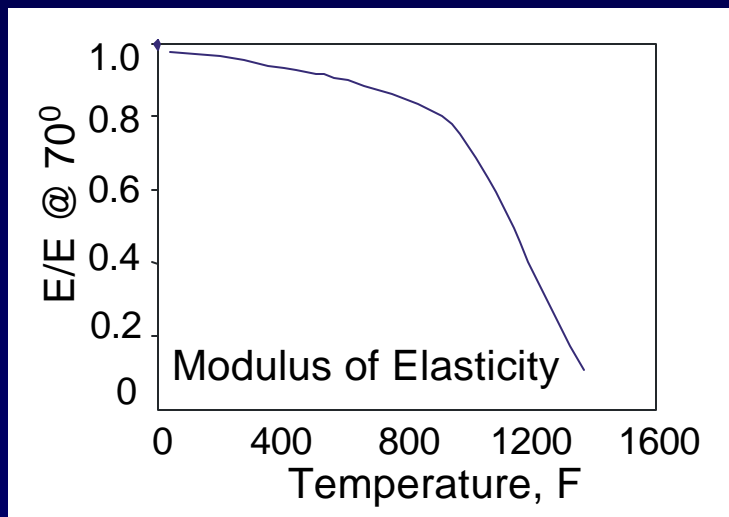
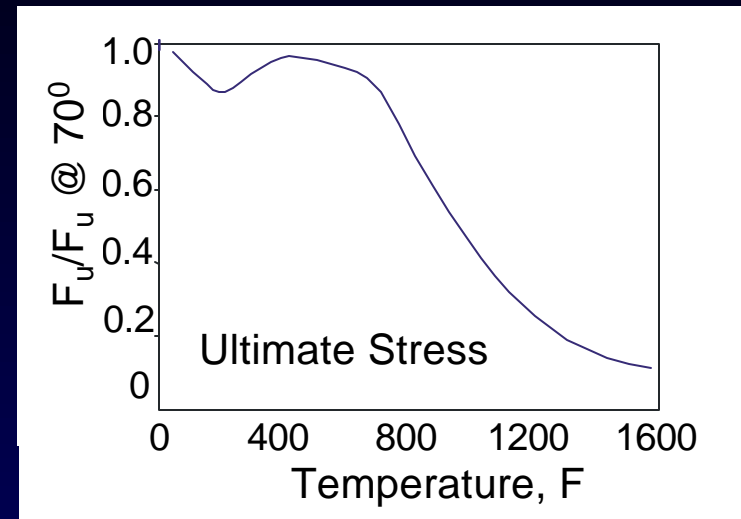
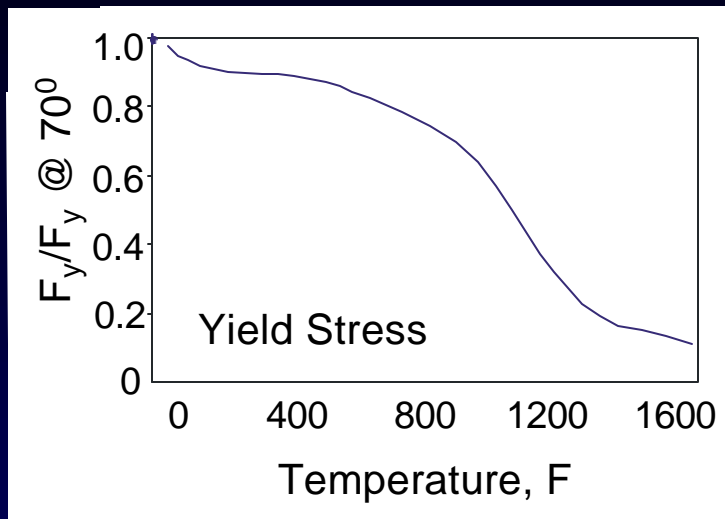


Phase Diagram for Structural Steel

(Source: Tide, 2000)

# Structural Steel Behavior at Elevated Temperature

## *Mechanical Properties*



# Structural Steel Behavior at Elevated Temperature

## *Structural Behavior*



- Temperature Rise and Distribution
  - Change in Material Properties
  - Thermal Expansion
- Member Restraint
- Large Displacements
- Shifting Load

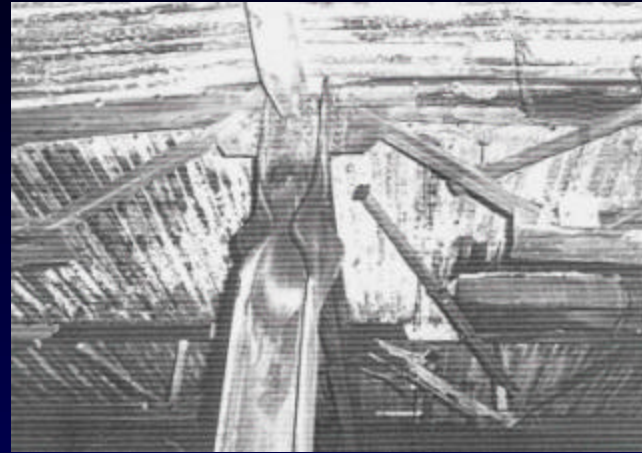
Cardington Lab Fire Test, U.K.  
(Source: Gewain and Troup, 2001)

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## *Structural Behavior*



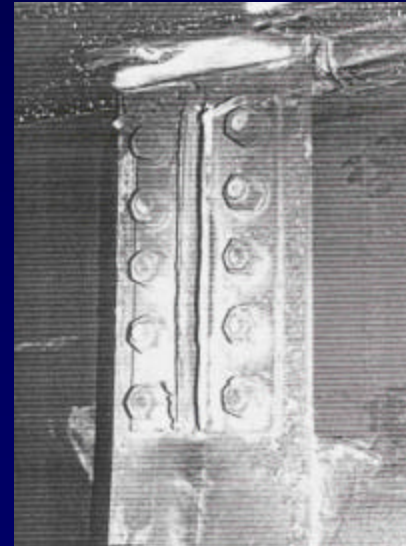
Beam Twisting



Column Local Buckling



Beam Local Buckling



Connection Failure

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# Post-Fire Structural Integrity Evaluation

*Dexter and Lu, 2001*



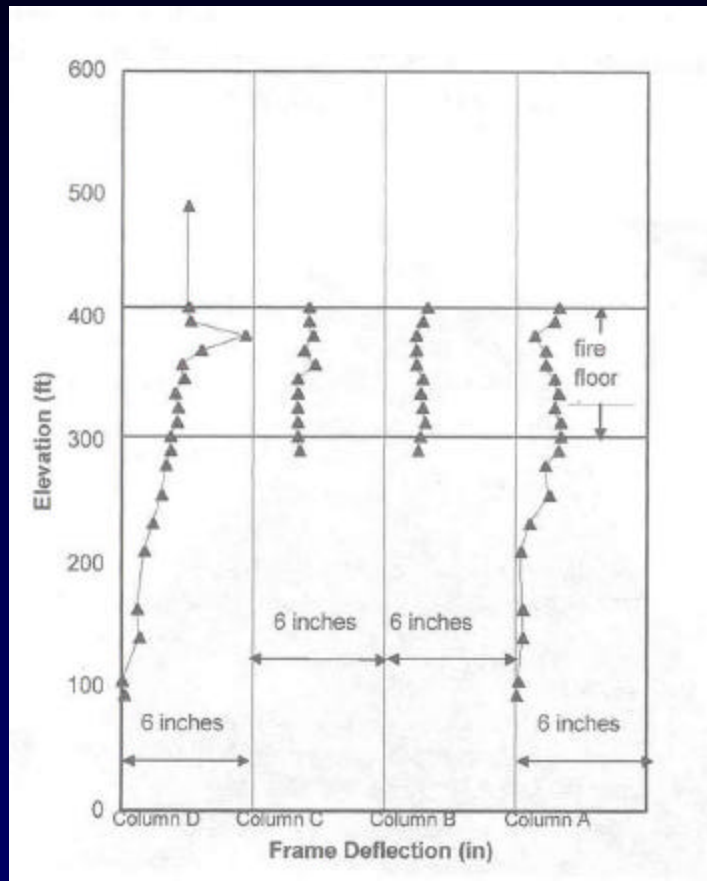
## One Meridian Plaza (Phil, PA)

- 38-Story Steel Frame Bldg
- 1991 Fire, 18-hr Duration
- 9 Fire Floors

(Source: Dexter and Lu, 2001)

# Post-Fire Structural Integrity Evaluation

*Dexter and Lu, 2001*



- Inelastic Deformations During Fire
- Changes in Beam Length – *Locke in Forces in Members*

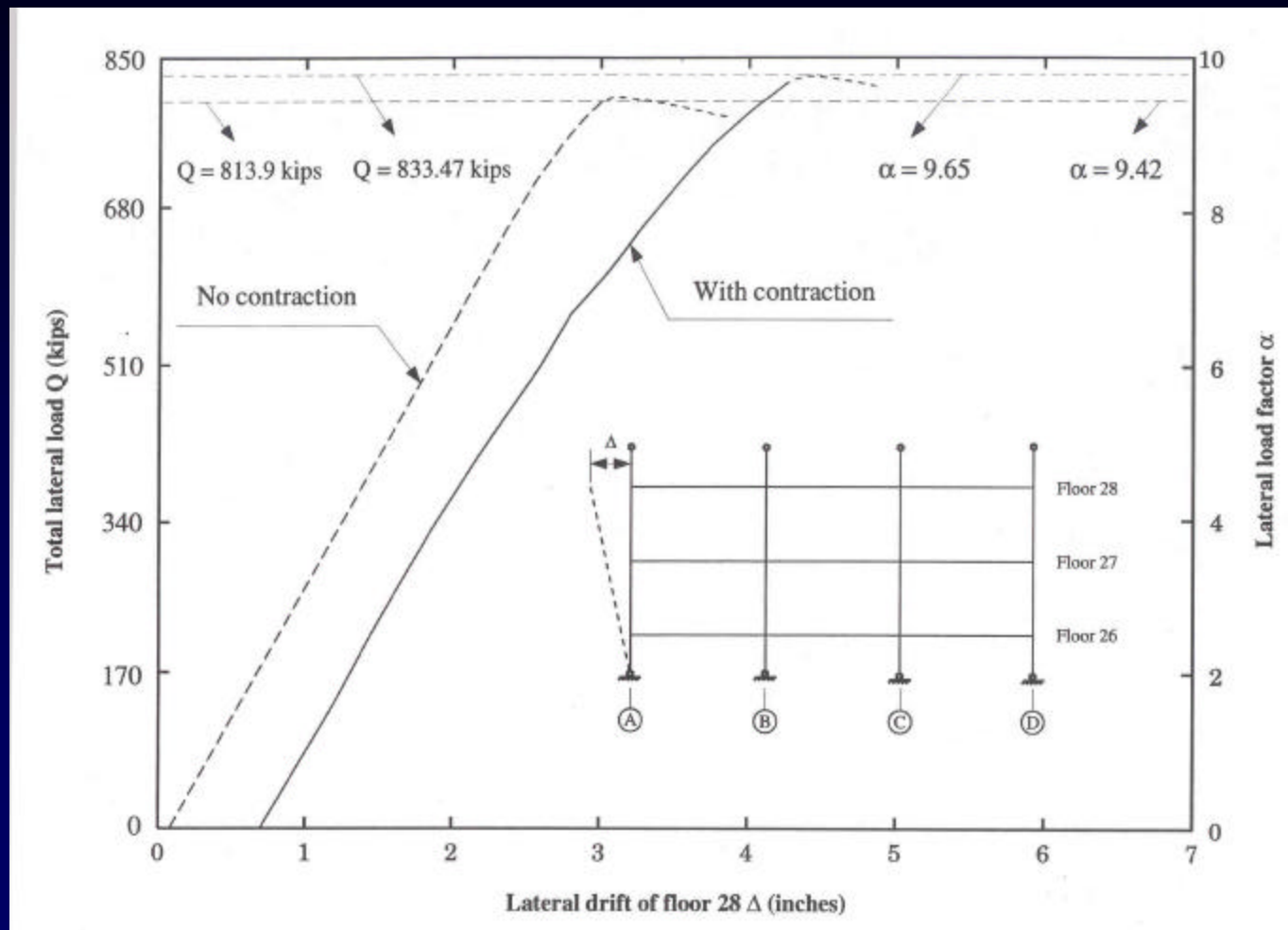
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Building Position After Fire



# Post-Fire Structural Integrity Evaluation

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Non-linear Static Pushover Analysis



# Research Issues and Needs

## Testing -

- Structural component vs. structural system tests (effects of structural redundancy, restraint, connections, non-load bearing elements)
- Thermal input
- Measuring structural response (thermal effect on sensors)
- Test protocol
- Adequate facility for conducting fire testing

## Analysis -

- Calibration of models with test data
- Structural component vs. structural system modeling (effects of structural redundancy, restraint, connections, non-load bearing elements)
- Thermal input
- Time scale
- Non-linearities:
  - Change in material properties due to thermal input and loading
  - Geometric non-linearities (large displacements; local buckling; load shifting)
  - Connection modeling (stiffness and strength deterioration; fracture)

# Summary and Conclusions

- (1) Success has been achieved in predicting the performance of structures to extreme earthquakes
  - Sophisticated analytical models
  - Experimental testing
- (2) Predicting the fire resistance and performance of a structure has several challenges. The complexities involved require sophisticated analytical models, and experimental testing to calibrate these models.